EASY KIND KOREAN

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한글은 블록이다

Hangul is blocks: read your first Korean words



After this episode you can

Read four Korean words: 커피 · 피자 · 바나나 · 아이

No grammar. No rules to memorize. Korean letters are blocks — a consonant plus a vowel makes one letter. This workbook follows the video step by step. Say every sound out loud.

Name _____ Date _____

1. Three vowels

Vowels start with one long line. Where the little stick goes changes the sound.

ㅣ	vowel **i**	"ee" — one straight line, a person standing up
ㅏ	vowel **a**	"ah" — stick outside, to the right
ㅓ	vowel **eo**	"uh" — stick inside, to the left

2. Six consonants

Consonant shapes come from your mouth. Hold a piece of paper in front of your lips for ㅍ and ㅋ — it moves.

ㄴ	consonant **n**	"n" — the shape of your tongue touching behind your top teeth
ㅇ	consonant **(silent)**	silent at the start — an empty seat
ㅂ	consonant **b**	"b" — as in 바나나
ㅍ	consonant **p**	"p" with a puff of air — ㅂ plus one more line
ㅋ	consonant **k**	"k" with a puff of air
ㅈ	consonant **j**	"j"

3. Click the blocks together

Consonant + vowel = one letter. Read each new letter out loud.

ㄴ + ㅏ = 나

ㅇ + ㅏ = 아

ㅍ + ㅏ = 파

ㅋ + ㅓ = 커

ㅍ + ㅣ = 피

ㅈ + ㅏ = 자

4. Write it

Trace the gray letter, then write it yourself. Say it as you write.

아	어	이	나	파	카	자	커	피

Shortcut: read what you already know

Korean menus and signs are full of words that came from English. Don't translate — just sound them out, and the meaning jumps out at you.

5. Your first words

Korean	meaning
커피	coffee
피자	pizza
바나나	banana
아이	child

6. Read before you check

Cover the answers. Read each one out loud first. Every letter here uses only today's blocks.

이	나	너
파이	아파	커피

Try it for real

> When you meet a Korean — or see a Korean menu — read one word out loud. Right now, in Korean, you're a child (아이). Every Korean started right here.

Answers

이 "ee" — also means two, or tooth · **나** "na" — means I / me · **너** "neo" — means you · **파이** "pa-i" — pie (from English!) · **아파** "a-pa" — it hurts · **커피** "keo-pi" — coffee

Next: flat vowels go below — 버스 · 주스 · 드라마